Difficulties faced by exporters due to lack of funds with C.C.I.E.

2644. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to lack of funds with C.C.I.E. many deemed exporters have not got their dues under the CCS and supplementary CCS in lieu of Duty Drawback from C.C.I.E.;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that because of this many companies are facing difficulties with their bankers and Custom Authorities of the Finance Ministry on loan advances and imports;

(c) whether Government have evolved any policy to protect the interest of such companies so that they will not get wiped out due to lack of funds;

(d) whether Government have instructed the Nationalised Banks and Customs Department to be sympathetic and lenient to the companies affected by the lack of funds with C.C.I.E.;

(e) whether it is a fact that many "Deemed Exporters" are likely to claim interest on their outstanding dues; and

(f) if so, what is Government's stand on these issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Efforts are being made to clear out the pending CCS dues, as early as possible.

(d) RBI has since been requested to advise the Nationalised Banks to take sympathetic and lenient view.

(e) and (f) The scheme of CCS does not envisage any compensation for late disbursement and hence the question of claiming interest on the outstanding dues does not arise.

Determining the quantitative requirements of imports

2645. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the authority that determines the quantitative requirements of inputs allowed for import against advance licences for export production;

(b) what is the *locus standi* of such an authority;

(c) what are the details of instances where his Ministry found that imports allowed is much more than actual requirements during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) what was the extent of difference in respect of leading items of export;

(e) whether it is also a fact that this resulted in loss of foreign exchange and generation of black money; and

(f) what steps have been taken to investigate the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Imports are governed by the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 1947 and Import & Export Policy framed thereunder. The Customs Duties on imports are governed by Customs Act, 1962. Quantitative requirements of duty free imports for raw material, components and consumable for manufacture of goods to be exported under the Advance Licensing Scheme are thus determined by Inter-Ministerial/Inter-Departmental Committees comprising of the representatives of Chief Controller of Imports and Exports/Director General of International Trade/Technical Departments (Director General of Technical Development, Development Commissioner/Small Scale Industries/Department of Electronics/Textile Commissioner/Department of Economic Affairs, Department of Steel etc.,) and the Department of Revenue.